

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATING**
A DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOF

5 A method and system are disclosed for generating and
distributing a digital photographic proof. An altered image
is generated by altering original image data to produce
altered image data. The altered image data is stored in an
10 electronic file. The encrypted instructions are stored in the
file with the altered image data. The instructions describe
a method for reversing an alteration method utilized to alter
the original image to produce the altered image data. A
digital photographic proof is produced utilizing the file by
displaying the altered image. All users are permitted to view
the altered image. Only authorized users are permitted to
utilize the encrypted instructions to reproduce the original
image from the altered image data. Only authorized users may
reproduce the original image. The single electronic file is
thus utilized to both produce a digital photographic proof and
to reproduce the original image.

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